

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, October 10, 2017
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 217

Board Members in attendance: Daniel Firestone, Laurie Silverman, Daniel Johnson, Scott Franklin, Jill Morawski

There were approximately 10 people in attendance. A quorum of the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission was present.

Jill reported that there were no significant meetings held which would require reporting of the Legislative Action Committee.

Scott reported on the local recreation bike routes effort. Daniel has designed a new logo and the three routes will be color-coded. We need to discuss with the town the manufacturing and installation of the signs.

Scott reported that Hall High School has discussed a bike safety initiative. Maryellen and Rick have discussed doing a 1 to 1 ½ hour bike education class in the spring.

A discussion followed about the N. Main Street Rd. Calming Project. The sub committee has met with all, except one, of the candidates running for Town Council and Board of Education and has walked the route with them.

Scott reported on the Park Road Parade. The West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission participated in the parade and carried a banner down Park Road.

Scott discussed the possibility of printing maps of West Hartford which contain the bicycle amenities. He showed a map from Arlington, Virginia which is all encompassing.

Daniel reported on walk with new Town Manager Matt Hart. Matt and Daniel discussed future development for the Town as a multi-modal hub for communities, residents and business. The walk continued North on North Main Street to Fern Rd. The proposal of North Main Street Traffic Calming and bike buffers were discussed openly. Daniel encouraged Matt to take on new progressive development of town infrastructure.

Jill and Ed brought up the proposed improvements to Fern Street around Morley Elementary and concern regarding school parking.

Ed requested pedestrian crosswalks improvements to the Farmington Ave., west of West Hartford Center.

Scott announced a summit being held by the League of American Cyclists March 5th through March 7th.

Scott reported New Haven, CT is going for Gold designation status for bicycle friendly communities.

Scott recapped a discussion held with Fairfield, CT residents and staff regarding Bicycle Facilities development and the Complete Streets Policy.

Scott reported that the town has not yet heard if it is a recipient of the Community Connectivity Grant from the State of Connecticut.

Scott announced that the Bike Walk Connecticut annual dinner is scheduled for November 3, 2017 at 5:30 PM. Bike West Hartford and the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission have reserved two tables for this event.

Scott announced that he has spoken with representatives of the West Hartford Land Trust and we are trying to put together a ride in late October which visits all of the land trust properties in West Hartford.

Daniel announced a Discover Suffield ride scheduled for October 22nd, 2017.

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1. Ethan reported on a successful Center Streets event attended by approximately 2000 people.
2. Cycling Without Age - Dan and Kevin reported on 20 – 25 rides given over the previous month as well as need to update the insurance policy for the Rickshaw
3. Wheels on Wednesdays has concluded with resident request for continuation in the Fall.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 13th, 2017 at 7pm in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Scott Franklin, Chair and
Daniel Johnson, Commission Member
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission